

IN THE CLAIMS

1-8 (canceled)

9 (new): A variable pitch arm star construction for rotary molding machine for making plastic vessels or bottles by a drawing-blowing operation, said star construction comprising arms arranged with a variable arm pitch and having gripper elements and a cooperating lever and cam system for changing said variable pitch arm and properly orienting said grippers, said system comprising two levers which, on a side, engaged with said gripper and, on the other side, cooperate with respective cam contours, wherein said levers have respective end portions wherein said respective end portions each include a different diameter double bearing.

10 (new): A star construction according to claim 9, said levers being pivoted on a pivot pin supported by a respective supporting flange rigid with said star construction, said levers having a substantially L-shape, one end portion of each of said levers being pivoted on said gripper on a pivot pin and having an opposite end portion of said lever pivoted on a connecting rod which is in turn articulated on said pivot pin, wherein said pivot pin is a double pivot pin.

11 (new): A star construction according to claim 9, wherein said double bearing has a bottom portion interfering against an inner edge of said cam contour, and a top portion bearing on an outer edge of said cam

contour.

12 (new): A star construction according to claim 9, wherein said bottom portion of said double bearing has a diameter larger than that of said top portion of said double bearing.